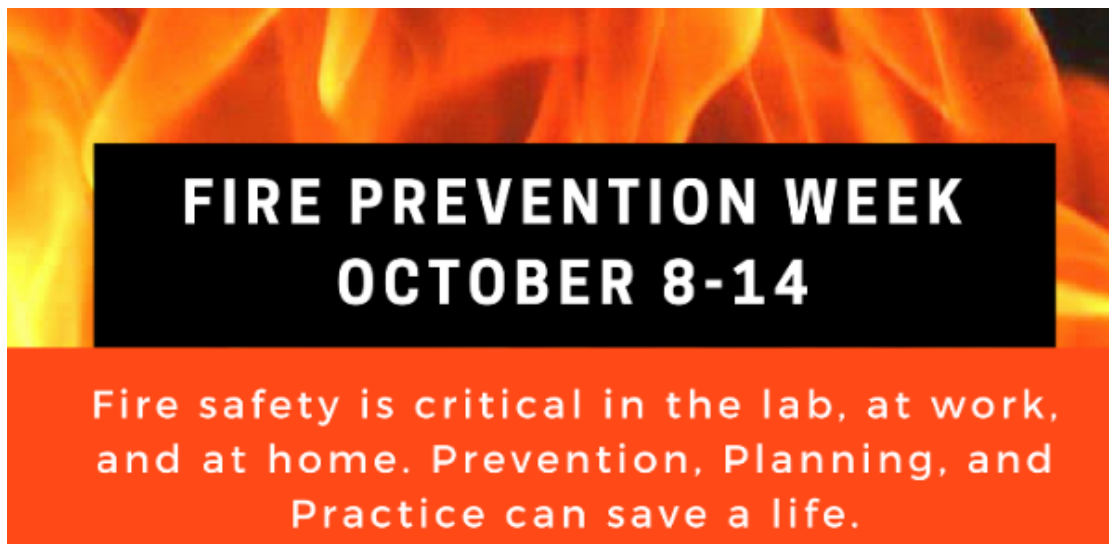


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🔥 PREVENT 🔥

Reduce or eliminate fire hazards such as bad cords, overloaded outlets, and combustible materials near outlets or heat sources.

🔥 PLAN 🔥

Is there a way out? 2 ways are better.

🔥 PRACTICE 🔥

Plan your escape and practice with family or co-workers. Do your children know what to do?



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) hosts fire prevention week annually in October and has been doing so since 1922. Click on the image for more information.

Join the Other Half!

Nearly half of all Americans do not have a home escape plan.

Join the other half and develop your plan today!



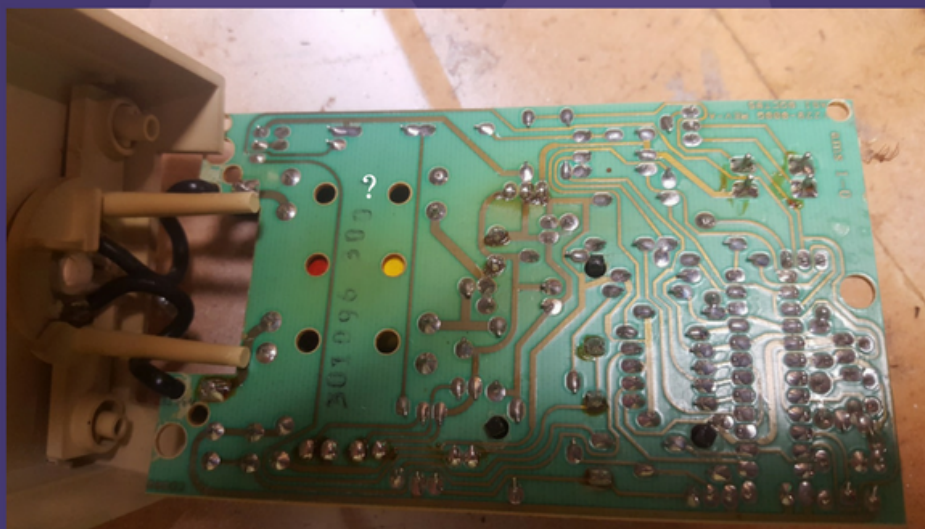
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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Mystery Photo of the Month!

ESH is introducing a new feature – the safety mystery photo of the month. Answer the following questions:
What is it, and why is it unsafe?



Submit your entry to safety@ameslab.gov for a chance to win a prize. Put “October Mystery Photo” in the subject line. The winner will be drawn randomly from all entries!

October Hint: “I kept you safe...until I didn’t.”

CHEMICAL INVENTORY VERIFY BY NOVEMBER 30!

Fall is for apple pies, holiday events,
and chemical inventory.



Quartzy® is still the platform for your inventory.

Plan to:

1. Discard unwanted materials
2. Check your storage spaces - are they clean, in good repair, and uncluttered?
3. Begin the verification process for your inventory
 - Physically verify each item against your inventory listing
 - Mark each item once verified (Yellow ¼" file coding dot).
 - Add new items
 - **Delete items that you no longer have. You are accountable for all the items in your inventory. Make sure it doesn't include items that have been used up or transferred.**
4. Once you've verified the inventory for your laboratory or laboratories, email Julia Sager with the date completed, the room(s) verified, and who did it.



For the purposes of this inventory, all items can be considered "full;" if you wish for your own purposes to track quantity used, that's fine too.

Last year, items were marked with a dark blue ¼ inch file code dot. This year, use yellow dots. These can be picked up in the store room. or G40 TASF.

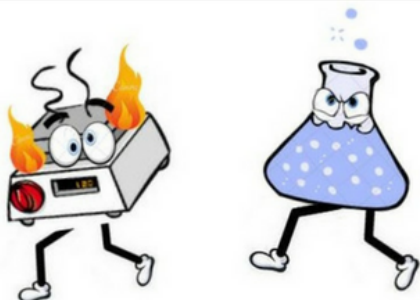
Items inside glove boxes can be inventoried on a sheet outside; sign/date/ and “dot” the sheet.

Remember, laboratory work products only need to be reported in aggregate – “Quantity 200 size 0.5 G - samples of arsenic-containing crystals” rolls up to 100g arsenic-containing crystals. Further details are fine, but not required by ESH.

Your inventory verification is due by November 30.

If you have any questions about how to use Quartzzy® or anything else regarding this process, please contact Julia Sager at sager@ameslab.gov or 4-4322

RUNAWAY HOT PLATES



Runaway hot plates are a known hazard.

The link below is a recent poster prepared by Kimberly Brown of the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with Mark Mathews and Joseph Pickel from Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Please take a moment to see how things can go

wrong, then check your own practices and equipment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your safety representative, coordinator, or ESH safety specialist.

[Click here](#) to read about the dangers of runaway hot plates.

SAFETY EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF

SPIP ASSESSMENT TEAM
PROVIDES POSITIVE FEEDBACK

A team comprised of peers from Oak Ridge, Argonne, Iowa State, and DOE completed a review of the Lab's Safety Performance Improvement Plan (SPIP). The team identified multiple effective actions, including:

- Our robust Readiness Review process
- Regularly scheduled safety discussions at MPC and FES
- Efforts to strengthen the safety coordinator and representative program
- Initiation of an employee engagement program

The team also proposed several recommendations:

- Improve user electronic accessibility to ESH programs
- Continue to move SPIP activities into the Lab's Strategic Plan
- Develop methods to empower safety coordinators

and representatives

- Improve metrics and capture of close calls/near misses

Overall, the team was impressed with the safety progress we've achieved over the past three years.

The thanks for that goes to you.

Keep Stopping, Thinking, Checking,
and Doing Your Work Safely!

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

You might notice that the "A" is missing from "ESH&A". After several years, Quality Assurance is getting a new home in the Performance Management Group. This will "assure" that Quality is better integrated into all Laboratory activities (Science, Business, Operations, AND Safety).

**And there, standing in
the doorway, she saw...**



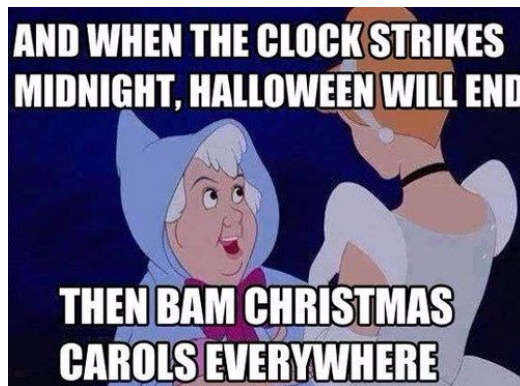
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